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### 1. NARCOTICS: REHABILITATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

A RECENT PRESS RELEASE NOTED THAT, SINCE INVOKING THE NARCOTIC DRUG LAW TWO YEARS AGO, 994 ADDICTS HAVE REGISTERED FOR TREATMENT AT RANGOON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ALSO 129 ADDICTS SERVING SENTENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DRUG LAW. 59 OF THOSE REQUIRE REGULAR REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND ARE PROVIDED THAT TREATMENT BY VISITING SPECIALISTS.

### 2. NARCOTICS: SEIZURES AND ARRESTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

APPROXIMATELY K20,000 WORTH OF RAW OPIUM AND K10,000 WORTH OF

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HEROIN WERE SEIZED IN THREE SEPARATE ACTIONS, RESULTING IN FIVE

ARRESTS IN THE MANDALAY AREA DURING THE PAST WEEK.

3. NARCOTICS: CONTINUED PRESS PLAY (UNCLASSIFIED)

NARCOTICS-RELATED ARTICLES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE LEAD COVERAGE IN BURMA'S NEWSPAPERS. FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF A LENGTHY SERIES ON "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" TRAFFICKING EXCERPTED FROM THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS IS A SERIES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED ARTICLES ON THE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE. THE ARTICLES ARE GENERALLY BALANCED AND PROVIDE A GOOD SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION AND OTHER MEASURES TAKEN THUS FAR TO PROMOTE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS.

4. INSURGENCY (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

KAREN INSURGENTS CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN TENNASSERIM AREA. IN PAST TWO WEEKS THEY HAVE ATTACKED SEVERAL VILLAGES AND DESTROYED CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF STORED PADDY. THERE ARE ALSO UNCONFIRMED RUMORS THAT KARENS HAVE AGAIN ATTACKED THATON AND YE, BOTH SIZEABLE TOWNS. 2ND CHIN RIFLES HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM ITS BASE AT BASSEIN TO THATON. PRESS ANNOUNCED MAY 6 THAT 12 PERSONS WOUNDED IN GRENADE ATTACK AT RANGOON RAILWAY STATION MAY 4 (WEEK #17, ITEM 6) AND THAT ONE PERSON INJURED IN GRENADE BLAST AT MANDALAY RAILWAY STATION APRIL 30. BANGKOK POST MAY 7 REPORT STATING 14 BURMESE INSURGENT GROUPS MET TO ESTABLISH ALLIANCE (FBIS 070216Z MAY 76) IS VIEWED BY EMBASSY WITH SKEPTICISM AS ALL SUCH PREVIOUS COALITION ATTEMPTS HAVE FAILED. FINAL COUNT ON DEAD AND INJURED DURING BOAT AMBUSH TWO WEEKS AGO BY KARENS (WEEK #16, ITEM 6) IS 73 KILLED AND 122 WOUNDED.

5. AFP CORRESPONDENT EXPELLED (UNCLASSIFIED)

BURMESE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED AN AFP ITEM FROM PARIS ANNOUNCING THAT JACQUE LAMOUREUX, AFP REPRESENTATIVE IN RANGOON FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, HAD BEEN GIVEN 72 HOURS TO LEAVE BURMA. NO OFFICIAL REASON WAS GIVEN. HOWEVER, LAMOUREUX, WHO HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE IN JULY ANYWAY, HAD BEEN SUSPECTED FOR SOME TIME AS BEING THE SOURCE OF CRITICAL ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE BANGKOK PRESS FROM TIME TO TIME. HIS EXPULSION WAS ATTRIBUTED TO TWO INTERVIEWS WHICH HAD APPEARED IN THE BANGKOK POST DURING EARLY APRIL. HE WAS ALSO SUSPECTED OF BEING THE SOURCE FOR STORIES ON NE WIN'S CHRISTMAS CRACKDOWN ON DECADENT MUSIC AND MISCREANT DRUMS.

6. RUSSIAN-BURMESE DICTIONARY PUBLISHED (UNCLASSIFIED)

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TASS ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION IN MOSCOW OF THE FIRST BILINGUAL BURMESE DICTIONARY SINCE JUDSON'S BURMESE-ENGLISH WORK 130 YEARS AGO. THE BURMESE-RUSSIAN DICTIONARY IS THE RESULT OF FOUR YEARS RESEARCH BY A TEAM OF RUSSIAN PHILOLOGISTS. THE USSR EMBASSY REPORTEDLY PLANS TO PRESENT COPIES TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR USE IN THE INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

7. GDR DEPUTY FONMIN VISITS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DR. KLAUSE WILLDERING VISITED RANGOON MAY 5-8. HE CALLED ON BURMESE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER U WIN AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE OFFICIALS. NO PURPOSE FOR THE VISIT WAS ANNOUNCED. COMMENT: GDR OFFICIALS HERE HAVE BEEN SILENT ABOUT THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER'S MISSION. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT HE COULD BE CARRYING TO THE BURMESE THE SOVIET LINE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF CLOSER GUB-PRC TIES.

8. PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS VISIT RANGOON (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)  
IN WHAT APPARENTLY WAS A LAST MINUTE SURPRISE VISIT, PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS ARRIVED IN RANGOON EN ROUTE FROM THE NAIROBI UNCTAD CONFERENCE MAY 10. DEPARTING FROM THEIR SEPARATE PAL AIRCRAFT AT 5 A.M. (MRS. MARCOS' AIRCRAFT ARRIVED FIRST) THE COUPLE WERE GREETED BY COUNCIL OF STATE SECRETARY GENERAL SAN YU, PRIME MINISTER U SEIN WIN AND THE BLEARY EYED DIPLOMATIC CORPS. SUBSEQUENTLY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO MET WITH SAN YU, SEIN WIN AND OTHER MINISTERS WHILE, NOR SURPRISINGLY, MRS. MARCOS VISITED THE GEM CORPORATION. SAN YU HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR THE COUPLE AT WHICH THE CUSTOMARY FRIENDSHIP TOASTS WERE EXCHANGED; THEY THEN DEPARTED RANGOON AT 2:30 P.M. COMMENT: WHAT PROMPTED THE SUDDEN CALL AT RANGOON IS UNKNOWN (MFA AND LOCAL PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HAD ONLY TWO DAYS NOTICE). IT IS MORE PUZZLING SINCE PRESIDENT NE WIN IS STILL IN ZURICH. ACCORDING TO AN MFA SOURCE, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED.  
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